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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2004, for three (3) months from April 14, 2004 to July 14, 2004. Enclosed is form PTO-2038 authorizing the Commissioner to charge the amount of \$530.00 to cover the cost of the extension fee, as the two (2) month extension fee of \$420 was previously paid on June 10, 2004.

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